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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 6/23/04 (Preliminary Amendment).
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 2-6 and 10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 7-9 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Preliminary Amendment

The examiner is appreciative of the preliminary amendment submitted on 6/23/04 presenting the claims in better condition for examination. The following is submitted for applicant's consideration:

CLAIMS

Summary

Claims 1 and 3 are the independent claims under consideration in this Office Action.

Claims 2 and 4-10 are the dependent claims under consideration in this Office Action.

Claim Language

In claims 1, 1,8 and 10, the words "putted on" should be replaced by "put".

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter, which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 2,3,4 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Referring to claim 2, line 6, the word "threw" is unclear.

Referring to claim 3, line 3, the word "fro" is unclear.

Referring to claim 4, line 3, "staypart" is unclear.

Referring to claim 10, line 2, the words "is tongs" are unclear.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) The invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 3-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Sutton et al. (580,017).

Sutton et al. teach an ironing plate designed to iron clothes. The double-sided plate F comprises a first support part B for supporting the ironing board F and a second support part K that is connected to the ironing board and is pivotally supported to the first support part. Further, the second support part is rotatably connected to the ironing board. A handle g2 is provided at the other end of the ironing board, which allows the pivoting of the ironing board and the rotating of the ironing board. The second support part includes circular protrusion cooperating with a receiving groove provided on the first support part.

Claims 3-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Szarka (4,819,559).

Szarka teaches an ironing plate designed to iron printed patterns or logos onto clothes. The double-sided plate 10 comprises a first support part 20 (figure 4, for

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example) for supporting the ironing board and a second support part 18 (figure 10, for example), which is connected to the ironing board and pivotally is supported to the first support part. Further, the second support part is rotatably connected to the ironing board at the connection to the first support. A handle 15 is provided at the other end of the ironing board, which allows the pivoting of the ironing board and the rotating of the ironing board. The second support part includes circular protrusion 17 cooperating with a receiving groove 24 provided on the first support part.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Claim 1 is allowable over the prior art of record.

Claims 2 and 10 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112.

Claims 7-9 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

PERTINENT CITATIONS

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Leland, Cave Jr., Kenan, Solomon and Vartan illustrate reversible ironing boards. Miyamoto illustrates an ironing board including a shape accommodating a shirt or dress.

INQUIRIES

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ismael Izaguirre whose telephone number is (571) 272-4987. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:30-6:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Calvert can be reached on (571) 272-4983. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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